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Wetzler assumes senior NCO duties for 139th BSB

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BROOKINGS, S.D. – Command Sgt. Maj. Lorissa Wetzler, of Rapid City, assumed responsibility of the senior noncommissioned officer position in the South Dakota Army National Guard's 139th Brigade Support Battalion during a ceremony at the Brookings National Guard Readiness Center, Nov. 5.

Wetzler is the first female command sergeant major to serve in the 139th BSB and the first to serve in a line battalion in the SDARNG.

"I am really honored to be given this opportunity," said Wetzler. "I first have to thank God, my family and the Soldiers for getting me to where I am today. I have always known I've wanted to be a Soldier and am excited for this new adventure."

Wetzler assumed duties from Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur Allcock, of Hartford, who served in the position since 2012.

"I want to thank Col. Patrick Pardy and Command Sgt. Maj. Mettler for the opportunity to serve as the 139th BSB CSM," said Allcock, who will be joining them at the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade as the operations sergeants major. "I look forward to my continued service in my new position with the MEB."

As the unit's senior enlisted leader, Wetzler is responsible for advising the unit commander on all aspects of the battalion's more than 400 enlisted Soldiers, providing guidance, mentorship and assisting in ensuring the battalion is prepared to handle all missions it is assigned.

The command sergeant major brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the battalion's officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and Soldiers.

Wetzler began her military career enlisting in Detachment 1, 740th Transportation Company in May of 1990. She has held number positions within the SDARNG to include senior logistic service NCO for the 109th Regional Support Group, first sergeant for the 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, platoon sergeant in the 1978th Contingency Contracting Team, and mobilization logistical liaison for the Pre-Mobilization Training Assistance Element.

Wetzler deployed to Afghanistan in 2013 serving with the 129th MPAD in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

She and her husband, Myron, currently reside in Rapid City with their children Bailey, Joelle, Jett and Jace.

High resolution photos are available at www.flickr.com/photos/southdakotationalguard



161105-Z-ZZ999-001: U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Lorissa Wetzler, center, prepares to take responsibility of the senior noncommissioned officer position in the 139th Brigade Support Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard, from Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur Allcock, right, as Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Mettler, senior NCO for the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, officiates during a ceremony at the Brookings National Guard Readiness Center, S.D., Nov. 5, 2016. (U.S. Army National Guard photo)



161105-Z-ZZ999-002: U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Lorissa Wetzler, right, takes responsibility of the senior noncommissioned officer position in the 139th Brigade Support Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard, from Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur Allcock, left, as Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Mettler, senior NCO for the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, officiates during a ceremony at the Brookings National Guard Readiness Center, S.D., Nov. 5, 2016. (U.S. Army National Guard photo)



161105-Z-ZZ999-003: U.S. Army Sgt. Maj. Lorissa Wetzler, center, prepares to be promoted to command sergeant major by Lt. Col. Jason Kettwig, 139th Brigade Support Battalion commander, South Dakota Army National Guard, and her husband, Myron, right, during a ceremony at the Brookings National Guard Readiness Center, S.D., Nov. 5, 2016. (U.S. Army National Guard photo)



161105-Z-ZZ999-004: U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Lorissa Wetzler, right, and Lt. Col. Jason Kettwig, 139th Brigade Support Battalion commander, South Dakota Army National Guard, stand beside a sign baring their names at the Brookings National Guard Readiness Center, S.D., Nov. 5, 2016. (U.S. Army National Guard photo)

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